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I strongly and unequivocally disagree with the Microsoft settlement. The Department of Justice has already proven in court that Microsoft is indeed a monopoly, and that it used its monopolistic powers to influence competition and vendors. Yet, the proposed settlement encourages Microsoft to donate software and hardware in the one single market in which they do not have a monopoly. This will, in effect terminate any sense of choice these schools may have had. Why can't Microsoft simply pay out its penalty in cash and let the schools decide how to spend their money. Is that not what our current President told us when he was running for office?

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